

# REFUGEE WORKS

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## REFUGEEWORKS TRAINING CALENDAR 2010

*RefugeeWorks* is conducting two intensive Employment Training Institutes (ETI). Each will highlight a special topic ("Good Jobs in Hard Times" and "Investing in Education") and cover a range of additional themes, such as computer-assisted employment search strategies, engaging employers, recertification, green jobs and marketing. In addition to these three-day national conferences, *RefugeeWorks* is able to tailor workshops to match your agency's specific training needs. To invite *RefugeeWorks* to your location, email us at:

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### 1) Focus: Good Jobs in Hard Times

How does one go about uncovering hidden jobs (i.e. 80% of all jobs)? What strategies can be taken to diversify an agency's employer base? Which industries are more resilient in hard times? And what about green jobs? Finally, *RefugeeWorks* will share best practice examples on strategies for generating new employer partnerships and pursuing funding for programs that help refugees find meaningful employment.

Where: St. Louis, Mo.

When: April 6-8, 2010

### 2) Focus: Investing in Education

How can we help refugees gain the education and training they need to enter and advance in the U.S. workforce? Front-line service providers and program managers will glean creative strategies for combining English language and skills training with new tools for assessment, best practices in recertification and community partnerships.

Where: Seattle, Wash.

When: Aug. 10-12, 2010

Employment Training Institute registration opens Jan. 15, 2010. Please check our website to register.

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/about/training.html>

## CONFERENCES & WEBINARS

"Getting Good News Coverage: How to Persuade Journalists to Cover Your Cause" Webinar (The Chronicle of Philanthropy - Dec. 1, 2009, 12 p.m. EST).

--> <http://philanthropy.com/live/2009/12/coverage>

7th National Low-Income Immigrant Rights Conference (Crystal City, Arlington, Va.; Dec. 6-8, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yzstk22>

"Treating Traumatized Immigrant and Refugee Youth" Webinar (The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, Dec. 10, 2009, 2 p.m. EST)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ye9t5c6> (registration)

## GREEN JOBS

Farm Business Curriculum (International Rescue Committee, Phoenix - Nov. 22, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8n8mge>

Farming Project Budgeting Templates (Mercy Corps, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydhxwja>

For resettled refugees, community gardens feel like home (Church World Service - Nov. 18, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yb8389k>

Green Jobs Grant Fact Sheet (U.S. Department of Labor, November 2009)  
--> <http://www.doleta.gov/pdf/GreenJobs.pdf>

Rules to Operate Community Garden (United Hmong Association of Hickory, North Carolina - 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y9g8n5u>

## **INTEGRATION**

How African refugees are scoring Silicon Valley Internet jobs (Boing Boing Zine - Nov. 16, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycu3jml>

Massachusetts to Develop Plan for Integration of Immigrants (The Gov Monitor - Nov. 18, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ykd9ce7>

Refugees living in Wales: A survey of skills, experiences and barriers to inclusion (Centre for Migration Policy Research at Swansea University - November 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yeusnn5>

## **JOB SEARCH TOOLS**

Online Maps: Everyman Offers New Directions (The New York Times - Nov. 16, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycqyntg>

## **LEGAL ISSUES**

Feds plan 25,000 on-site H-1B inspections. Immigration Services to take a more aggressive stance on H-1B visa enforcement (Computerworld - Nov. 17, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y9ondcq>

Find-a-Lawyer Online Directory (Workplace Fairness, November 2009)  
This new feature, designed to help the hundreds of thousands of workers looking for employment law information find the lawyers who can represent them.  
--> <http://www.workplacefairness.org/find-attorney>

## **MARKETING**

Fox Valley funding efforts boost Hmong-American Partnership programs (The Post-Crescent - Nov. 17, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8emo52>

Immigration: Good for Productivity, Good for Wage (The Atlantic Magazine - Nov. 17, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ya2gvfy>

## **RECESSION**

Cultural factors help limit recession's impact (USA Today - Nov. 15, 2009)  
--> [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-11-15-asians\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-11-15-asians_N.htm)

Jobless rates soar for immigrants. Agency provides interviewing tips and more (The South Florida Sun Sentinel - Nov. 22, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yb9bzn3>

Money Trickles North as Mexicans Help Relatives (The New York Times - Nov. 15, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8r5src>

Refugees and rescuers. Support systems in East County under stress from influx (Signs on San Diego - Nov. 15, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yemtkou>

Tied to the Business Cycle: How Immigrants Fare in Good and Bad Economic Times (Migration Policy Institute, November 2009)

--> <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/orrenius-Nov09.pdf>

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Employment Retention Essentials (Public/Private Ventures, 2003)

--> [http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/166\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/166_publication.pdf)

Job Development Essentials: A Guide for Job Developers, Second Edition (Public/Private Ventures, 2005)

--> [http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/144\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/144_publication.pdf)

NetWORKS: A Guide to Expanding the Employment Networks of Low-Income People (Public/Private Ventures, 2009).

--> [http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/210\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/210_publication.pdf)

### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Helping immigrant and refugee students succeed: It's not just what happens in the classroom (The George Washington University's Center for Health and Health Care in School - November 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y9dnhev>

Schools and Refugee-Serving Agencies: How to Start or Strengthen Collaboration (Bridging Refugee Youth and Children, 2009)

--> <http://www.brycs.org/documents/upload/Collaboration-FAQ.pdf>

### **PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS**

Previous e-newsletters are now available for download from our website. The archive can be found in the section "RefugeeWorks E-Newsletter," at:

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